

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 32-34 and 50-67 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0032234 to Summers et al. (“the *Summers* Application”) is respectfully traversed.

The publication date of the *Summers* Application is May 11, 2001, which is after the filing date of the present application—February 6, 2001. Accordingly, the *Summers* Application is not Section 102(e) prior art with respect to the present application. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

However, to expedite issuance of the claims directed to the preferred embodiment, Applicant has amended independent claims 32, 53, and 63 to focus them on the feature of the preferred embodiment (without prejudice to filing more general claims or claims directed to other embodiments of the present invention) which allows finding the requested information from a pre-selected web site even if the information is moved from the pre-defined portion of the web site where the information was previously found. This function and feature is not disclosed by the *Summers* Application. This function is accomplished by providing a named object associated with the information to be retrieved, in addition to the pre-selected web site and the pre-defined portion of the web site. When the desired information is not found in the pre-defined portion of the pre-selected web site, the extraction agent searches the entire web site for the named object, such as a heading “High” or “Low,” as described in the Specification:

The content extraction agent 600 can also parse the content of a web page in which the user-desired information has changed location or format. This is accomplished based on the characteristic that most hypertext documents include named objects like tables, buttons, and forms that contain textual content of interest to a user. When changes to a web page occur, a named object may be moved within a document, but it still exists. Therefore, the content extraction agent 600 simply searches for the relevant name of desired object. In this way, the information requested by the user may still be found and reported regardless of changes that have occurred.

Specification, p. 10, ll. 1-10.

For instance, if a user desires current weather conditions for Chicago, the content descriptor file would include the pre-defined portion of the pre-selected web site, such as the specific location on the CNN web site where the weather conditions are likely to be found. *Id.* at p. 6, ll. 13-20. In addition, the content descriptor file would include a description of the specific content of the information to be retrieved, such as the headings “Forecast,” “High,” “Low,” “Radar,” “Temp,” “Wind,” “Pressure,” “Sunrise,” and “Sunset.” *Id.* at p. 7, ll. 9-23. The content description serves as a guidepost so that the claimed invention can search and retrieve the desired information (i.e., the weather conditions in Chicago) even if the web site has been modified and the desired information no longer is located at the pre-defined portion of the web site.

Accordingly, the rejection based on the *Summers* Application should be withdrawn and claims 32, 34 and 50-68 should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes claims 32, 34 and 50-68 are in position for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner enter a timely Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should proper payment not be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37

C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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